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Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE LATEST SITUATION IN RHODESIA AND ALSO ON THE RELATED ISSUE OF THE ONE ABOUT THE SOUTH AFRICAN DELAY OR APPARENT DELAY ON NAMIBIA? COULD YOU ADDRESS THOSE SUBJECTS?

A: IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE MOZAMBIQUE RAID, I DO HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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SOMETHING, BUT LET ME DEAL WITH YOUR SECOND QUESTION. WE UNDERSTAND THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONTEST THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S DECISION TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE PLAN FOR THE TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA, AS PROVIDED IN THE JULY 27TH U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 431.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH THE VISIT OF THE SURVEY TEAM TO NAMIBIA HEADED BY A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, DR. AHTISAARI, WHICH IS THE LOGICAL NEXT STEP FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. WE LOOK FOR AND EXPECT SOUTH AFRICA'S

COOPERATION WITH THIS THROUGHOUT. WE EXPECT THE PROCESS WILL GO FORWARD AS OUTLINED IN THE PLAN.

Q: HAVE YOU ANYTHING ON THE FUTURE OF WALVIS BAY?

A: I THINK THIS QUESTION ON THE FUTURE OF WALVIS BAY IS PRETTY WELL DELINEATED. I DON'T NEED TO GO THROUGH IT. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE ITS POSITION CLEAR ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON WALVIS BAY BUT HAS ALSO MADE CLEAR ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, INCLUDING AT LEAST

A SPEECH THAT I HEARD THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. BOTHA, GIVE -- THAT IT IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WITH AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE FUTURE OF WALVIS BAY. AND I THINK THAT IN THOSE TERMS WE EXPECT THE MATTER TO PROCEED. BUT IN ANY CASE, THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS UNDER THE TERMS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OR ANYTHING ELSE IS TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IS GOING TO BE OPPOSED.

Q: DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT FEEL THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA AND THE REVEREND SITHOLE ARE AT FAULT FOR BEING IN THE GOVERNMENT THAT ALLOWED THIS LATEST SERIES OF RAIDS IN MOZAMBIQUE?  
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A: I HAVE NO FAULTS, NOR ANYTHING, TO OFFER.

Q: DO WE URGE RESTRAINT?

A: OBVIOUSLY WE URGE RESTRAINT AND WE HAVE BEEN ALL ALONG, AND FOR THE SAME REASON WE HAVE BEEN ALL ALONG URGING THAT THE PARTIES COME TOGETHER IN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.

INSOFAR AS THE RAID, A SPECIFIC RAID INTO MOZAMBIQUE, AS WITH PAST RAIDS, AS WITH ACTS OF TERRORISM, AS WITH ANY ACTS OF VIOLENCE -- WE FEEL THAT THE ONLY POSSIBLE RESULT OF THEM IS AN ESCALATION OF HOSTILITIES ON BOTH SIDES.

AND AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, TO KEEP REPEATING THE OBVIOUS, WE THINK THAT THIS LATEST RAID, AS WITH TERRORIST ATTACKS, AS WITH ALL ACTS OF HOSTILITY -- ONLY REINFORCE THE NEED FOR THE PARTIES TO GET TOGETHER AND NEGOTIATE

Q: WHAT, THEN, WOULD BE OUR POSITION TO BISHOP MUZOREWA AND THE REVEREND NDABANINGI SITHOLE? SHOULD THEY, INSTEAD OF GOING AFTER THESE TERRORISTS, STAY AT HOME WHILE THE TERRORISTS CONTINUE TO STREAM ACROSS THE BORDER?

A: I DON'T HAVE ADVICE TO OFFER AS TO PEOPLE IN THIS SITUATION EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THE CALL FOR RESTRAINT IS UNIFORM AND THE CALL FOR A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IS UNIFORM.

AND AS TO WHAT PEOPLE DO IN THAT KIND OF SITUATION -- I CANNOT GET INTO PRIOR COMMENT.

Q: WHAT PRACTICAL SUGGESTION CAN THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
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MAKE? THAT THE BISHOP KEEP THE TROOPS AT HOME OR NOT?  
I MEAN, IT SEEMS A LITTLE BIT DIFFICULT AND AWKWARD.

A: I THINK THAT THE PRACTICAL SUGGESTION WE MAKE, WHICH  
WE HAVE MADE TO THEM DIRECTLY, IS TO SIT DOWN AT A  
CONFERENCE TABLE AND SEE IF THEY CANNOT WORK OUT A  
SOLUTION WHICH IS PEACEFUL RATHER THAN VIOLENT.

Q: BUT THEY WON'T. I GATHERED THAT ONE OF THE TWO PARTIES  
LLL THE PROBLEM IS THAT THEY WON'T SIT DOWN; AND IN THE  
MEANTIME, THOSE TERRORISTS COME OVER THE BORDER.

A: YES, AND VICE VERSA.  
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